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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 7:30 AM  
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: Sched

K-pls provide janice today's sched for the record- principal's speech, McBride mtg, harris mtg, etc.

Also, i still need to see any tentative events/invitations so i can start picking and choosing what I can attend, to allow me plenty of time to prepare for events, esp the speeches. Thanks.

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2007 1:00 PM  
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: WICHE Policy Alert - October 16, 2007

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**From:** Policy Analysis & Research [mailto:policy@wiche.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2007 11:43 AM  
**To:** Palin, Sarah H (GOV)  
**Subject:** WICHE Policy Alert - October 16, 2007

## WICHE Policy Alerts - October 16, 2007

"The Postsecondary Achievement of Participants in Dual Enrollment: An Analysis of Student Outcomes in Two States" (<http://ccrc.tc.columbia.edu/Publication.asp?UID=547>) is a recent report supported by the National Research Center for Career and Technical Education administered by the Office of Vocational and Adult Education in the U.S. Department of Education. This report seeks to answer several questions regarding the effectiveness of dual enrollment programs through an examination of the impact of dual enrollment participation for students in Florida and in New York City.

*The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) strives to maintain excellent communication with the education policy and research communities. To subscribe or unsubscribe to the Policy Alerts and/or Stat Alerts distribution lists, please email your name, title, and organization to Jeanette Porter at [jporter@wiche.edu](mailto:jporter@wiche.edu). These electronic distribution lists are used only to support WICHE-sponsored programs and to share resources about relevant issues in higher education policy and research. As an additional resource, WICHE maintains a Policy Publication Clearinghouse on the web at <http://wiche.edu/policy/Clearinghouse>, which includes past Policy Alerts and Stat Alerts, as well as other studies, reports, surveys, and policy briefs.*

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**From:** Brown, Lance W (HSS) [lance.brown@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2007 2:44 PM  
**To:** Hogan; William H (HSS)  
**Cc:** Craft; Kathryn L (HSS); Ryan; Millie (HSS); Daniello; Denise L (HSS); Jesse; Jeff; staceym@aptalaska.net; Andrea\_Schmook; Eric Holland; Stone; Melissa W (HSS); Moline; Rod (HSS); Kim; Anna C (GOV); 20080515kkjackson\_A; doollittle@acsalaska.net; blal@gci.net; Palin; Sarah H (GOV)  
**Subject:** Board meeting request

Lance Brown  
Administrative Assistant  
Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse  
Alaska Mental Health Board  
465-8920 (ph)  
465-4410 (fax)  
1-888-464-8920  
New email: lance.brown@alaska.gov

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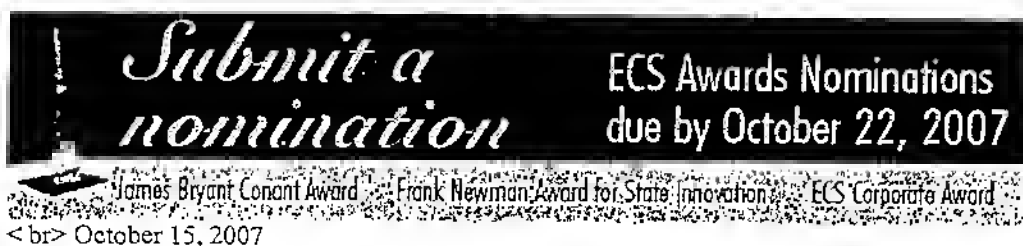
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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2007 10:46 AM  
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Deadline Extended – ECS Annual Awards

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**From:** Education Commission of the States [mailto:ecs@ecs.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2007 12:14 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Deadline Extended – ECS Annual Awards



Dear ECS Constituent:

The deadline to submit a nomination for the Education Commission of the States (ECS) awards has been extended to October 22nd.

Each year, ECS presents awards to individuals, states and organizations that have made significant contributions to public education. This year's awards will be presented at the 2008 National Forum on Education Policy in Austin, Texas on June 30 - July 3.

As a member of the greater ECS family, we invite you to submit nominations for our awards.

**The James Bryant Conant Award**

Recognizes an individual for outstanding contributions to American education.

**The Frank Newman Award For State Innovation**

Recognizes states and territories for demonstrated excellence in shaping education policy.

**The ECS Corporate Award**

Recognizes a for-profit corporation, nonprofit organization or foundation that has demonstrated a sustained commitment to improving public education in the United States.

The deadline for submissions has been extended to October 22, 2007.

To submit a nomination, please download the [nomination s form](#) and submit by e-mail, mail or fax to:

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Governor Mike Huckabee, Nominating Committee Chair  
Attention: Carla Mirabelli  
Education Commission of the States  
700 Broadway, Suite 1200  
Denver, CO 80203  
E-mail: [cmirabelli@ecs.org](mailto:cmirabelli@ecs.org)  
Fax: 303.206.8332

For more information on these awards and past winners, view the Call for Nominations [brochure](#).

Or visit our website at: [www.ecs.org/2008awards](http://www.ecs.org/2008awards).

Please contact Carla Mirabelli, ECS Staff Associate for Governance and Committee Relations at: 303.299.3629 with any questions.

Thank you for your continued support of and interest in the  
Education Commission of the States.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 11:02 PM  
To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR)  
Subject: Re: Habitat

This is awesome. I so appreciate you!

Thank you!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 21:56:51

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: Habitat

Governor, Dick Lefebvre( Deputy Commissioner DNR) and Ken Taylor(Deputy Commissioner F&G) were tasked by Denby and me to give us a factual review of Habitat past at F&G and present at DNR by November. Denby and I will quickly get a recommendation for your consideration by December - likely much sooner.

I have been working with the resource developers to make sure our bases are covered. The Alaska Miners Association and the Council of Alaska Producers have agreed to start telling the public "they believe in the strong permitting process since they know that is best for responsible miners, they welcome constructive comments, they know the Governor has asked for a habitat evaluation, and they know the Governor will make a good decision and they will support the decision". I am pleased that we have this support. This gives us freedom to make a correct decision. I have discussed this with RDC and I believe we will get their support by next week. I know the Conservation Alliance has already told Art's/ Gilliam's group that they should stop the adds but the adds are already scheduled until Monday.

Personally the adds make me feel we shouldn't do anything and tell them to stick it but then I set that aside. We are here to do what is right.

At this point we are hearing from people we trust that the structure for the current DNR Habitat operating procedures should be maintained and protected. It is much better than in the past but the Division should go back to F&G so Habitat and F&G can work together.

The adds are trying to separate us, but that just won't work. You are stuck with me as long as you wish. I am really glad I am speaking at the Anch Chamber this Monday and am

ready to take on the issues. My talk will quickly highlight the Administrations work on AGIA, ACES, our desire for economic energy to Alaskans, and the need for Resource development - the clear answer for Alaskan jobs, support of families, keeping our young people in Alaska, personal self worth, and real steps forward for addressing hopelessness, alcohol, drugs, physical and sexual abuse. I will then focus on the process, the reliability, and our goal to explain it to Alaskans.

Also the permitting process presentation is ready and we will be announcing dates and locations for the presentations to the public on Monday.

Hope this wasn't too long. Thanks for asking. God bless! Tom

-----Original Message-----

From: "gov.sarah@yahoo.com" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: "Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Sent: 10/17/07 8:13 PM

Subject: Habitat

Tom: do we know when LeFevre will have a report/reco's for us on Habitat move? I'm game to move it back if the experts have studied it and recommend it - otherwise, what will your presentation be to Chamber next week re: that specific topic?

Those darn Art Hackney ads are making it sound like we're not on the same page with our commitment to consider the recommendations that should be forthcoming. Of course we're going to look at what they recommend at the end of the day.

Thanks!

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 7:51 PM  
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey  
Subject: John Tracy

Fyi- we just stole one from him- for rural affairs assistant: rhonda mcBride. But it's very confidential until after AFN.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 7:30 PM  
To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Phone number?

Thanks Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Joe Balash  
To: akaitc@alaskafb.org  
Sent: Oct 17, 2007 7:32 PM  
Subject: Phone number?

Vickie,

Governor Palin asked me to get in touch with you regarding the progress (or lack thereof) on resolving the Alaska Grown lawsuit. Is there a phone number I can reach you at?

Joe

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Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 5:29 PM  
To: Leschper, Beth (GOV)  
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Grant Announcement

Thanks so much Beth. Look forward to seeing you in Juneau. Headed to the airport now...

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To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)  
Sent: Wed Oct 17 16:10:31 2007  
Subject: Grant Announcement

Governor:

Here are the remarks for your announcement at the Education Consortium Open House.

I will have a hard copy in the binder that I'm leaving this afternoon with Erika.

But am sending now in case you want to look over before tomorrow.

Beth Leschper

Deputy Communications Director

Office of the Governor

State of Alaska

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A small part of the grant will become seed money to continue the program - keeping future students on an upward cycle, rather than a downward spiral.

Congratulations to Joe Parrish, SAGA's founder and executive director - and to all of those who will serve and be served by this wonderful collaboration.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 5:21 PM  
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Fw: Press Ad

We need to get the word out re: press opening(s).

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 01:19:02

To: "K Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Frank Bailey" <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Todd" <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: Press Ad

Wish they would have told me this before waiting so long for the final ad.

So- let's get the word out.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 17:16:46

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Press Ad

I spoke with Nizich about the Press Sec ad. He said that even running it will subject us to requirements; whether there is a close date or not. Therefore he suggested getting the position out there via word of mouth first. I agree; that way if you find the right person, you can act immediately.

Kris

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 10:00 AM  
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)  
Subject: Re: Crack ...

Ugh. My beef was considering all the good women running this state - including YOU!!! I ran it by Bristol- she says he wouldn't have even used the term whore if he was talking about men.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 09:59:18

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: Crack ...

I know what I'll be working on tonight--thanks for the head's up.

As an Alaskan, I don't need Fagan weighing in on how you are governing the state--we (Alaskans) can see for our selves the great job you're doing.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 6:41 AM

To: Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Anders, Bruce F (DNR)

Subject: Crack ...

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 9:58 AM  
To: a\_buob@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 9:53 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Allon Buob  
address: 260 Road J SE Coulee City WA 99115  
5096328728

MESSAGE:

Hi, I think i saw you on Charlie Rose. I was woundering if you were interested in a portrait oil painting. I am very good and cheap. I mostly paint for friends but am interested in painting you. Let me know what size, i think 16x20 is standard portrait size and if i can paint from one of your photos.

Sincerely,

Allon

a\_buob@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 9:41 AM  
To: jrb@mtaonline.net  
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 5:48 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Mr. Mr. John Bocher  
address: 1042 Holitna Cir. Eagle River AK 99577

### MESSAGE:

Dear Govenor Palin,nnAs a life long Alaskan I understand the biological and politicalnarguments of both sides. Those of us who have taken the time tonunderstand the issue know that wolves maintain a healthy population innAlaska. I fully support predator control to sustain healthynpopulations of prey species for the residents of Alaska. If thatncalls for using private aircraft to implement an economical predatorncontrol program, so be it.nnSincerely,nJohn Bochern10427 Holitna Cir.nEagle River, AK 99577

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 9:39 AM  
To: jstallone@neeserinc.com  
Subject: RE: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

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Subject: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. John Stallone  
address: PO Box 201172 Anchorage AK 99520  
907-351-8534

MESSAGE:

Honorable Governor Palin,

I have served the people of Alaska as the Chief of Enforcement for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Section for a number of years and now I'm retired. I have two sons who have both served in the War against Terrorism. My first son served in the US Air Force and my second son Joe just spent 15 months with the Alaska Army National Guard in Kuwait. After serving the 15 months the troops were just informed by General Katkus that they had chartered flights for soliders serving from Bethel and Juneau but for the soliders from Southcentral and Fairbanks the military does not have arrangements to get them home but are working on a solution. General Katkus stated they were attempting to have a C-17 pickup our soliders from Southcentral but he couldn't make any promises. This is unacceptable! Like my son said they have had 15 months to get the logistics straighted out, but it seems they have waited until the last minute and now they don't know what is going to happen. I'm surprised and I

'm glad that they were able to find planes for Southwest and Southeast Alaskans but as for the rest of the State it appears were not as important. I'm not sure who is responsible for this screw up but I think our sons and daughters deserve some answers. Please have someone from your staff get some answers for them and for their families.

Thank you for all your hard work as our Governor and for any help you could give to this matter.

Sincerely,

John Stallone

jstallone@neeserinc.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 9:36 AM  
To: Tuivaiti, Christy M (DOC)  
Subject: RE: Other

Ms. Tuivaiti:

Thank you so much for your wonderful email, I will forward it to the Governor.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 11:05 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Christy Tuivaiti  
address: 2633 Seclusion Drive Anchorage AK 99504  
907-727-1817

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,.

My name is Christy Tuivaiti and I work for the State of Alaska in the Department of Corrections. I am just writing to tell you that I think that your a wonderful governor and that you are making Alaska a better place. I love everything you have done while in office and I can't wait to see what else you have up your sleeve. I met you crossing the street one day downtown while we were both going to the federal courthouse and you shook my hand inside, I felt honored to have met you in person. You sign my paychecks and I thank you for that. I just wanted to say thank you for everything you do for us.

Thanks,

Christy Tuivaiti  
DOC-Probation and Parole Office  
Anchorage Alaska

christy.tuivaiti@alaska.gov

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Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 7:20 AM  
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Fw: Crack ...

SP: Ok- as you are my witness, I'll commit to just not listening to Fagan anymore. His comments yesterday were just WAY too much.

Enjoy DC! May you be refreshed!

SP

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Time for me to have another conversation with JT--that's how we found Meg last time as I recall. Maybe he'll have another idea.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 4:11 PM  
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Congratulations to Joe Parrish, SAGA's founder and executive director – and to all of those who will serve and be served by this wonderful collaboration.

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From: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MKRUTHERFORD]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 11:04 PM  
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Cc: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)  
Subject: BG phone call information - for Thursday, October 18th (Alaska Day!)

Governor,

As a follow-up to our conversation earlier today, I am providing a quick review of the reasons BG gave for deciding not to participate in the AGIA application process. I am also providing the contact information for the BG call in the morning, and some ideas for that conversation.

### Review:

David Keane, BG Group Vice President/Policy & Corporate Affairs, advised me that BG has just made the decision not to participate in the AGIA application process. They indicate this decision was very difficult as they continue to believe AGIA is the appropriate vehicle to move the gas pipeline project forward, they continue to be very committed to investing in Alaska and will be drilling 3 exploration wells in the Foothills area of the North Slope this winter, they fully intend to bid on the Pt Thomson area leases when they become available, and they intend to reach out to the eventual AGIA Licensee to determine if there is any opportunity to partner with this yet undetermined company in order to develop a spur line and LNG facility. However, BG made their decision not to proceed in the AGIA application process based upon the economics of the project, which they estimate to be in the \$19 Billion range (for the North Slope processing plant, overbuilt pipeline to Delta Jct in order to accommodate a Phase 2 Canadian highway route project, smaller pipeline to Valdez and LNG plant.) Fundamentally the project didn't provide BG their internal "hurdle rate" (which is minimum rate of return required by a particular company in order for them to make an investment.) It is important to note that exploration and production companies generally require much higher rates of return than do pipeline companies, as the e & p's regularly make high risk investment, whereas pipeline companies are low risk investors with much lower, regulated rates of return. Furthermore, BG has been partnering with Williams Pipeline Company intending to submit a 2-party AGIA application. According to BG, Williams advised them last week they had determined they could not participate in the project for an entirely different reason. As you know, Williams is only recently emerging from the impact of the Enron debacle and while things are progressing well, they have been informed by their financial advisors that the financial community will view Williams investing in this project as a bad decision. This is because the current Williams investor is looking for quarterly returns (very short term), whereas this project will not provide returns for 7 to 8 years. It was fairly clear from BG's comments that Williams decision not to partner with them was also a major blow, particularly as it left BG with the full investment commitment, exacerbating their rate of return problem.

### Additional information:

We have been told that BG had 57 people working on an AGIA application and has spent over \$1 million dollars on the effort. Furthermore I know that Martin Houston, who met with you last Spring, was very impressed with you, the AGIA process and with Alaska. Martin has been a major proponent of this effort to participate in AGIA. Finally, we have been advised that BG Group corporate is having a meeting tomorrow (Thursday, October 18th) to finalize their decision to not participate in the AGIA process.

BG Group' Contact Information:

Martin Houston, Executive Vice President & Managing Director North America, Caribbean & Global LNG

Located in UK, but carries two cell phones:

UK Cell # 011-44-777-070-3075

US Cell # 1-832-276-4612

Note: Martin Houston may ask the following individual to participate in the phone conversation:

Betsy Spomer, Sr. Vice President of Business Development for North America, Caribbean & Global LNG

Finally, and simply for your information, the following person participated in your meeting with Martin Houston last Spring and is the state's primary BG contact:

David Keane, Vice President, Policy & Corporate Affairs

Suggested Comments:

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

I will be speaking with David Keane by 8:30am tomorrow to determine what times work from Martin's end for your phone call with him. I will email you as soon as I receive this information. Thank you for your constant willingness to work issues with us. It is greatly appreciated!

Marty

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 8:24 AM  
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Re: Privile

What's her contact info? I'm curious if she's want to apply for Priviled job. I don't want the word to get out tho bc I don't know Privileged intention on applying.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 19:18:58

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: Privilege

She didn't mention your hint but you gave her a pretty big one! I can let you know if I hear back from her. If you really need the help and are interested, I think it would take a one on one where she can get to know you a bit more. She says she spent a lot of time trying to convince Jim Clark/Governor M not to do something, he'd do it, and then she'd have to explain it. You would be a whole different boss to her with much different sensitivities and she needs the time with you to see what the interaction would be like--as would you.

She got a big eyeful of our positive working relationship (you and me)--a gov/lg relationship which she said was highly antagonistic in the last administration. She heard my staff talk about the supportive role we take undergirding your office, and she seems drawn by similar values.

One other thing I noticed--I think she would be aggressive about creating and controlling press/communications opportunities and fully capable of fielding questions and making things happen for you. She was used to getting her marching orders and going to accomplish it. Meaning, that she's competent, takes direction, and goes and does the job without requiring a lot of handholding to get it done.

Hope your ACES meeting went well!

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Mon 10/15/2007 7:02 PM

To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Re: Privileged

Did she get the hint?! We'd really freak people out if she ended up back in public service, but surely she must still have a desire to help Alaska!

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Subject: Fw: Out of Office AutoReply: Sched

Does it make sense to take over my own scheduling? I dont want to offend anyone, but the things we've missed in scheduling have been sometimes pretty embarrassing. Please don't forward this.

The only solution I can come up with is to take on more of the scheduling responsibility- and it sounds like others are happy to have me do it.

Unless there's anyone else on staff who'd be very efficient and detailed-oriented, then I think I'd better start researching the events and appts myself beforehand so we are better prepared... and also have more complete official records of daily activities.

Can you think of any other solution beside me taking it on?

----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Tue Oct 16 08:18:54 2007  
Subject: RE: Out of Office AutoReply: Sched

I already sent an email to the IT folks in Juneau (Kami & Karen).

Kris

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 8:16 AM  
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Subject: Re: Out of Office AutoReply: Sched

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Janice. I'll work on it.

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Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
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Governor - I will be in the ANC office this morning and we can discuss this. Janice

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Sent using BlackBerry

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To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
Sent: Tue Oct 16 08:14:38 2007  
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Subject: RE: Sched

Yes, I've been working with Troy Carlock on a couple of dates. It will likely be latter part of November. Once finalized, I'll let everyone know.

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Sent: 10/16/2007 7:35 AM  
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West High had invited me some weeks/months ago to visit. Has anything come of that invite?  
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Lynne- do u know where the principals speech is this morning?

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
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Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 10:28 AM  
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
Subject: Barb Sched

May i meet with barbara on educ funding?

Also- is leo working on DOT bond pkg if that's how we'll deal with infrast needs? Or next yr a bond pkg perhaps?

----- Original Message -----

From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Tue Oct 16 09:52:02 2007  
Subject: RE: Out of Office AutoReply: Sched

I think Kris was planning on working with Janice today and looking at going over specifics with you tomorrow. They probably wanted to confirm tomorrow's meeting today.

I know no one wanted a good process to end but I think in an effort to provide more information in a way we could see the big picture, Kris and Janice developed a two calendar system, one of confirmed items and one of pending requests. The problem of today's schedule is due to Janice being out yesterday (Her husband's grandmother passed away and they needed to go help the family). Whether it is a list or calendar format, I want to make sure it is easy for you to read and then we probably just need to commit time to work through the requests.

Mike

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 9:24 AM  
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Out of Office AutoReply: Sched

So what happened to the one process that seemed to work the one time? Who wanted it stopped?

Also, any idea what time this sched mtg was to take place today? I did not see or hear about it so have filled up the (evidently) empty hrs with catch up work i have to do. It's another reason i have to be kept in the loop on what folks are expecting of my time.

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Tue Oct 16 09:17:42 2007  
Subject: RE: Out of Office AutoReply: Sched

I don't think that you need to take it over. We have a detailed database of all phone and written requests that can be printed in a number of formats. Those are entered here in Juneau by Janice. There are other requests that come in to Anchorage but if they are all forwarded to a central location, we should have a record of the request.

I think the problem is that the requests stay pending for far too long. We seem to be lucky to confirm events two weeks out or less. Janice flew up this morning and she and Kris are planning on going over the pending requests with you. If we can find a structured process to get advance approval on the requests, we can hand the events off to a special assistant or communications to pull everything together including the talking points. I don't know if that is me, Kris and Janice or Kris, Janice and Todd or you, Kris, Janice and Todd. Scheduling is always going to be difficult (last minute requests do come in and reshuffling needs to occur on occasion) but we had one occurrence where I thought things were handled as good as they ever had. Kris, Janice, maybe Todd and I met and discussed about two weeks worth of requests. We developed a list of recommended schedule accepts and recommended regrets. During a cabinet meeting, you and I discussed the proposals. For the large part, the recommendations were approved with just a couple of minor changes. My impression is that you were pleased with the process.

Ideally, it would be nice to plan time every week to go over schedule requests. If it was something that Janice and Kris could do, it would make a big difference. My preference would be to glance over the long lists and provide any comments to Janice or Kris but if it takes an hour or longer to work through the items, I would do whatever it takes to get the job done.

Another item that I think would be helpful is to make sure that we have a staff person attend every public event you attend. Beth came back from NY with a stack of business cards and is working on thank you notes. I would like to see someone with you during work events that can keep track of comments, questions, requests that come in and be responsible for forwarding them to the appropriate staff person for response. The staff person with you would also then be responsible for communicating with Janice to make sure all work activities are reflected on the calendar.

I mentioned splitting up the press and communications functions and hiring two additional people to fill Meg's job. Another communications staff person could help in a sense be an event planner. They could be responsible for making contact with requestors and scoping out a lot more detail such as will they have a seat, where is the seat, who will be at the table, is there an exit close by, etc.



Anyway, I hope this was helpful and I look forward to discussing it more with you.

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Subject: RE:

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Sent: Mon Oct 15 21:16:50 2007  
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To: ragallaher@hotmail.com  
Subject: RE: Legal\_and\_lawsuits

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 2:28 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Legal\_and\_lawsuits

Web mail from: Mr. Richard Gallaher  
address: 735 West 4th Avenue Anchorage AK 99501  
907-274-6397

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

I recently found out that William Carey has been nominated for a judgeship in Sitka. I am writing in support of his appointment. Let me relate a couple of personal stories that cause me to believe he would be a wise choice.

I have been a friend of Bill's wife, Kathleen for several years. Kathleen and I have a mutual love/hatred of politics and talk at length about everything political. Bill, for the most part, just ignores us. I think this says something about the man. He has never, at least in my presence, taken a side or position. I'm sure he must have an opinion but he keeps it to himself.

Bill and I are of Irish descent. I am a militant Irish Nationalist. As such, I constantly try to elicit a response or reaction from those with whom I discuss Irish politics. I would suspect he is an Irish Nationalist, but whatever his opinion, he keeps it to himself.

I believe Bill to be thoughtful, deliberate, and very conservative. Qualities, I believe, that make Bill Carey an excellent choice for a judgeship.

Thank you for considering my opinion. If you have any other questions about Mr. Carey that I can answer, please feel free to call...907-274-6397

Best Regards,



Richard Gallaher

735 West 4th Avenue

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

ragallaher@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 2:06 PM  
To: Jimward@mtaonline.net  
Subject: RE: Other

Mr. Ward:

Thank you for your email, I will forward it to the Governor.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 2:01 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. James Ward

address: P.O.Box 3213 Palmer AK 99645  
907-745-3331

MESSAGE:

Hello Governor Palin,

I wanted to let you know that everyone I know respects your stand on ethics, and I am a supporter of yours. I just wanted to let you know really appreciate that you stand on ethics instead of politics. I mostly vote Republican but I really vote for the personal stand of the politician. I support the President on the war but we need to secure our borders and deal with illegals, and I'm for an all Alaska gas line.

One final thing I believe in equal rights for all Alaskans, rural preference won't work and I feel it's unconstitutional.

Sincerely

Jim Ward

jimward@mtaonline.net

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GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 11:49 AM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Subject: Fw: [Privileged or Person]

The work number we had access to was incorrect: Here are instructions to access her at  
[Privileged or Person]

----- Original Message -----

From: Clifton, Kelly L (GOV)  
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Tue Oct 16 11:45:54 2007  
Subject: RE: [Privileged or Person]

The work number was for her last job...here's her new one: [Privileged] and ask for  
[Privileged]; she's at [Privileged or Person]

-----Original Message-----

From: Clifton, Kelly L (GOV)  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 11:41 AM  
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: RE: [Privileged or Person]

[Privileged or Personal Mate]

And, not that you'd CALL her on her email address, but here it is: [Privileged or Person]

-----Original Message-----

From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 11:35 AM  
To: Clifton, Kelly L (GOV)  
Subject: [Privileged or Person]

Kelly,

If I needed to call Privileged how would I reach her?

Sean

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GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]  
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Here's [Privilege] contact info--go for it!!

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To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Subject: Young/Murkowski

Anything you want me to emphasize with these members of our delegation if they're around??

Also, I am having lunch with Katz tomorrow. Do you want me to ask or pass anything along there?

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From: Leschper, Beth (GOV) [beth.leschper@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 11:23 AM  
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
Subject: RE: Email

Will do.

We are getting very close on newsletter.

I should have a planned publication date by tomorrow.

Beth

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Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
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Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 11:19 AM  
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Colberg; Talis J (LAW)  
Subject: Re: Principals

Thanks!

----- Original Message -----

From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Smith, Lynne M (GOV)  
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Colberg, Talis J (LAW)  
Sent: Tue Oct 16 11:18:19 2007  
Subject: RE: Principals

Barbara is in Anchorage today so I just requested the Director of Teaching and Learning Support contact Mrs. Gray and get back to me. I will forward the update as soon as I get it.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 11:04 AM  
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Smith, Lynne M (GOV)  
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Colberg, Talis J (LAW)  
Subject: Principals

One stopped me after my principals speech to say huge truancy issues in her school Brevig Mission. No DA's office help, no enforcement, needs help.

Mrs Gray, 642-4021. I told her someone would call. Pls let me know who from dept of ed (or whomever in another dept?) will be contacting her. I'd like the info today so I know it's taken care of. Thanks. Pls pass on to Barbara also.



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Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 11:01 AM  
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: RE: Barb Sched

Tomorrow at 3:00 pm, I have scheduled a meeting with Barbara and other Dept. of Education staff to go over the education task force recommendations. I have a number of questions regarding the costs of the different components and whether the implementation timelines are appropriate. Would you like to attend via phone? Alternatively, I can scope out the details with the department and then schedule a meeting with you and the agency to go over options and recommendations very soon (maybe while your in Juneau).

I had a conversation with Barbara and staff from the University yesterday about a program at St. Johns University. They bring kids in the summer and do a part sports camp and part academic program. The local school districts, university and the private sector are all involved with making this program a success. One advantage is that between the school districts and the university, all the infrastructure and even staff is available in the summer. We discussed yesterday at how we could model something similar to really target our high drop out rate. In addition to the high school drop out rate, many kids are entering the university system unprepared and requiring remediation.

I asked the university staff and department staff to work together and develop a plan that would be (1) just a pilot in Fairbanks (2) program in Anchorage and Fairbanks, and (3) Anchorage, Fairbanks, and an outreach effort to rural Alaska. They believe they could put a proposal together prior to our budget deadline and run it by you. Not that we need more ways to spend money but we do not different way to spend money to get better results. Not sure what you think but I am interested to hear back from our education folks on what they can come up with.

DOT has submitted their list of road projects and we have met with the Department of Revenue regarding bonding and other financing options. Karen and her staff at OMB have been working on the prioritized lists of projects from the agencies. We would like to go over the information with you and then we will need to make a decision about the level of general fund spending on all capital projects including infrastructure. We can analyze the regional balance of the priorities and need for additional authorization beyond the general fund spending. A bond package or a draft bill will be easy to develop from that point.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 10:26 AM  
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
Subject: Barb Sched

May i meet with barbara on educ funding?

Also- is leo working on DOT bond pkg if that's how we'll deal with infrast needs? Or next yr a bond pkg perhaps?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 10:40 AM  
To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC)  
Cc: Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Lefebvre; Richard A (DNR); Fogels; Edmund J (DNR); PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)  
Subject: Re:

Thanks so much Tom! I appreciate the info and update.

I'm happy to stop into their mtg today or tomorrow- details?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tcem.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 10:07:29

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>, "Lloyd, Denby S (DFG)" <denby.lloyd@alaska.gov>, "Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC)" <larry.hartig@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>, "Lefebvre, Richard A (DNR)" <richard.lefebvre@alaska.gov>, "Fogels, Edmund J (DNR)" <ed.fogels@alaska.gov>

Subject:

The Renewable Resource Coalition is now running a new add which is on page B-3 of today's Anchorage Daily News. The message is the Governor should question Commissioner Irwin about the Pebble Mine and restore transparency and integrity to the process by reversing the bad decisions of the Murkowski Administration by moving habitat back to Fish and Game.

Some comments:

The Governor has already asked that the commissioners of Fish & Game and DNR to review habitat and give her our recommendations. That is in progress. Denby appointed Ken Taylor and I appointed Dick Lefebvre to review habitat on a factual basis, what worked well and what didn't when habitat was at F&G and what the status of habitat at DNR is now. To-date no one has been able to show where Habitat has made a bad decision while at DNR. Ken and Dick have been interviewing all habitat employees and are actually in Fairbanks today talking with habitat employees. Ken and Dick were asked to have their review complete by the end of November so Denby and I could prepare a recommendation in December for the Governor.

As far as the permitting process, we have completed the permitting presentation which we

will start showing around the state. We are planning on showing a short version at the Chamber on October 22. We are very prepared to address the pebble mine and permitting issues and hit this head on. Again we would be pleased to show the presentation to anyone in the Administration at any time.

Remember the Governor and I have consistently said we will not allow Bristol Bay to be put at risk. We also support the permitting process. We can not randomly, on emotions, start saying a project is good or bad.

Nay-sayers are confusing the issue of making a process more efficient as opposed to making it easier by having less protection for the environment. DNR has no overriding authority except as lead agency to coordinate and facilitate. DEC still decides water quality issues. F&G still decides fish issues. EPA and the COE still manage their processes.

The Alaska Conservation Alliance, representing over 40 environmental groups, is having their annual meetings this week in Anchorage. Yesterday Ken Taylor, Dick Lefebvre, Kerry Howard and I meet with them for a little over three hours. We discussed several issues including habitat, permitting, and Pebble. The discussions were very open and constructive. Commissioners Lloyd and Hartig also independently met with this group.

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 5:33 PM  
To: Leschper, Beth (GOV); 'fek9wnr@yahoo.com'  
Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Remarks for Secondary Principals Conference 10 16 (tomorrow)

Todd would you print off on home pc so i can look over?

----- Original Message -----

From: Leschper, Beth (GOV)  
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
Sent: Mon Oct 15 17:25:19 2007  
Subject: Remarks for Secondary Principals Conference 10 16 (tomorrow)

41st Annual Fall Principals Conference, October 14-16

Sponsored by the Alaska Associations of Elementary and Secondary Principals

Conference Theme: Comprehensive School Improvement (CSI): Alaska

10 a.m. Sheraton Hotel

It is an honor to welcome all of you - our elementary and secondary principals. It is exciting to see so many of Alaska's educational leaders together learning new strategies to improve our schools.

Your leadership is making a real difference in Alaska's schools.

There is no question, we are all faced with significant challenges when it comes to improving our schools. Some of the concerns I hear all across out state are (1) the impact of skyrocketing retirement costs, (2) the high cost of energy and (3) the inability of our districts to effectively plan with unpredictable levels of state support.

I am working hard to address these issues. Last year, I called on the Legislature to pass an early education funding bill. Although we were not successful, we were able to make education a priority by placing \$1 Billion into the Education Fund.

The Legislative Education Funding Task Force has met and generated 18 recommendations. In order to give our districts the ability to better plan and budget for their programs, I again commit to working with the Legislature to adopt changes to our statutory foundation program early next session.

Some of the changes in the report that I am particularly interested are:

1. Updating our district cost factors to recognize the higher costs of providing education in many areas of our state
2. Increasing funding for students with intensive needs, so that our students who experience medical or other special circumstances can become successful in school and in life, and
3. Increasing the Base Student Allocation in future years.

Last year, the State contributed a significant amount to help local school districts and

municipalities with increasing retirement costs. Although we're still working on our state budget for the next fiscal year, it will reflect my continuing support to fund the TRS and PERS shortfalls, so that school districts can focus on the educational needs of students.

We have implemented, and continue to add, many initiatives that will help disengaged students become active participants in their education. It's vital that our students are able to take their place in our economy and share in Alaska's future. Our children are our greatest resource.

In the near future, 3 out of 4 jobs in America will require some training after high school. Increasingly, the skills required for entry-level jobs are similar to the skills needed to enter college.

Our goal is that more students will graduate from high school and will do so prepared to transition to many different opportunities in the workforce or postsecondary education.

We are beginning a program, called Work Ready/College Ready, to help prepare students for college or the workplace. It offers students and adult job-seekers the opportunity to assess and improve their skills in three areas that are important to the workplace and post-secondary education: reading for information, applied math, and locating information in graphic formats.

The online program is free to users, self-paced, and targeted to participants' needs. The curriculum and assessments are delivered in the context of work situations in fields in which students are interested.

Students will be able to document their skills in a nationally recognized Career Readiness Certificate.



While these initiatives are important, there many more challenges facing us all if we are going to be successful at addressing issues such as our graduation rates.

I will look to you to help provide solutions that can make a difference. I stand ready to work with all of you - and I welcome your new ideas.

Thank you all for the leadership you provide on the front lines of Alaska education.

Beth Leschper

Deputy Communications Director

Office of the Governor

State of Alaska

907-465-3443

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]  
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 5:06 PM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Subject: Re: Call from David Cuddy

Governor - David Cuddy called this afternoon and said he was returning a call you had made to him last week. Mr. Cuddy can be reached @ 512-668-4346 or cell @ 512-665-8388.  
Thanks, Janice

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Sent using BlackBerry

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>  
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Smith, Lynne M (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)  
Sent: Mon Oct 15 13:17:49 2007  
Subject: Re: Schedule for Tuesday, 10.16

I can do the speech tho, as long as she or someone else can

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 4:09 PM  
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Kenai

Right. Got the part about the departure time via Janice's sched, just didn't know when I was supposed to show up. Now I do. 440

----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Cockrell, Robert A (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)  
Sent: Mon Oct 15 16:07:10 2007  
Subject: RE: Kenai

Bob tried to respond but his email isn't working. He asked that I send you an email to let you know that it is a 5pm departure. You arrive Kenai at 5:25 pm.

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 3:30 PM  
To: Cockrell, Robert A (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)  
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Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Smith; Lynne M (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Schedule for Tuesday, 10.16

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 12:34:38

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Smith, Lynne M (GOV)" <lynn.smith@alaska.gov>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Schedule for Tuesday, 10.16

Governor - I just contacted Barbara. Barbara will be going up to ANC on the morning flight and would be delighted to welcome the group on your behalf. Thanks, Janice

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Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 11:49:20

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

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Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

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Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 11:40 AM  
To: nightwatch15@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: Other

Ms. McDonald:

Thank you for your email, I will forward it to the Governor.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 12:22 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. lisa mcdonald  
address: po box 3191 soldotna AK 99669  
907-260-3159

MESSAGE:

Thank you for being the Governor that Alaska needs. I appreciate your ability to do what is right for the state. Regardless of the political impact decisions you make may have.

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Lisa McDonald  
Soldotna, AK

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Lisa McDonald  
Soldotna, AK

nightwatch15@yahoo.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 8:43 AM  
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
Subject: Re: tomorrow

J pls note on sched this begins at 9 instead of 930

-----Original Message-----

From: K Perry  
To: Governor Sarah Palin  
Cc: Mike Tibbles  
Cc: Sharon Leighow  
Sent: Oct 14, 2007 7:24 PM  
Subject: tomorrow

Governor,

In looking at tomorrow's agenda on-line for the Arctic Energy Summit, I see that it opens tomorrow at 9am with Governor Hickel speaking. You are expected to speak at 9:30 followed by Senator Murkowski. You were scheduled via Janice from 9:30 to 9:55 but I wanted to give you a head's up on the opening should you decide to attend. I apologize as I should have looked at the conference agenda sooner. I will go over before the event to scope it and the lay-out and will meet you there. Bob said he could drive you from the Atwood and drop off as parking will be difficult.

On another note, not sure if Sharon told you but Balash will be attending the editorial board with you.

Kris

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]  
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 11:49 AM  
To: Sarah Palin  
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: Schedule for Tuesday, 10.16

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**From:** PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2007 7:23 PM  
**To:** Sarah Palln  
**Subject:** CH 2

Ch 2 ran with the angle of a rift between you and the delegation. Lisa got hit with a question about it specific to Gravina and she said that it would have been nice to have some communication from the Administration to the delegation and to the borough and city mayors before the funds were pulled. Your shot was of your apology for whatever lack of communication occurred. I think you did the right thing and it came off fine..."We're doing our best, we make mistakes, we apologize, and we learn from our mistakes..." In the end, it seemed like a non-story.

By the way, I go to DC tomorrow for an Aerospace States Association meeting—one of those traditional LG things I do. I have lunch with Katz on Wednesday, and asked for meetings with Lisa and Rep. Young. I didn't call Sen. Stevens this time....no real reason except I saw him the last time I was in DC and missed Young.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 9:09 PM  
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Re: Young/Murkowski

Still am confused why, when we were working on the bridge press release for a week (with Katz and Persily) and the delegation's staff was told, why Lisa and Ted publicly claimed they were surprised.

I had called Don personally a couple of months ago to ask if any more fed \$ was coming for the bridge - he said no - I said it just couldn't be a high priority for the state - he said "don't even think about giving that \$ back", I assured him we wouldn't, we'd spend it wisely on infrastructure.

I met with Stevens a couple of days ago. He did most of the talking, we agreed to disagree on what to expect with AGIA (he thinks it's too late to get our gas to market), it was cordial - but he sure seems grumpy and pessimistic.

Pls rely my respect towards them. I think the media blows out of proportion a "frosty" Stevens relationship... but come to think of it neither he nor Lisa have much reason to be big fans considering my relationship with Lisa's dad and Ted's son.

-----Original Message-----

From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) ,  
To: Governor Sarah Palin  
Sent: Oct 16, 2007 11:39 AM  
Subject: Young/Murkowski

Anything you want me to emphasize with these members of our delegation if they're around??

Also, I am having lunch with Katz tomorrow. Do you want me to ask or pass anything along there?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 8:41 PM  
To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)  
Cc: Frank Bailey; Frye; Ivy J (DOA); Brooks; Kevin A (DOA)  
Subject: Fw: GGU Ratified!

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 04:35:54

To: "Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Cc: "K Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: GGU Ratified!

Sounds like good news. Good work to you negotiators!

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 16:21:15

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: FW: GGU Ratified!

Governor,

In case you have not heard, the General Government Unit (GGU) which is the State's largest employee union voted to ratify the state's contract. Assuming the Legislature approves the monetary terms, the employees will be covered under a three year contract. This is good news. We still have fiscal year 2008 issues to resolve with the supervisors' union

and IBU of the marine highway system as well as fiscal year 2009 issues to resolve with all the marine highway unions.

Mike

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From: Brooks, Kevin A (DOA)

Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 3:36 PM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: GGU Ratified!

59% - 41% with half the members voting.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 8:38 PM  
To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV)  
Subject: Fw: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

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From: postmaster@state.ak.us

Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 20:37:08

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

This is an automatically generated Delivery Status Notification.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 4:38 PM  
To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR)  
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Anders; Bruce F (DNR); Todd  
Subject: Fagan

Hooooooly!!! I hadn't had the misfortune of listening to the clod in a few weeks - geez if this is the way he's been towards us throughout these weeks it's a miracle we have any support at all as we seek to do the right thing for AK with our developments.

The comfort in knowing I'm in good company with "those Palin people" is pretty sweet though!

You guys are awesome, you're the best thing that ever happened to this state. And Fagan's a jerk.

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**From:** Leschper, Beth (GOV) [beth.leschper@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2007 2:04 PM  
**To:** Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
**Cc:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Buck; Hannah K (GOV)  
**Subject:** education remarks for tomorrow 10 06 07  
Governor:

Barbara Thompson is helping with remarks so that you can attend the Secondary School Principals Association meeting tomorrow.

We will have something to you by late this afternoon.

Barbara will also attend the meeting. Here's the information below.

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Location: ANC - Sheraton Hotel

Beth Leschper  
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From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]  
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 9:17 PM  
To: 'govpalin@alaska.gov'  
Subject: Re: Right on!!!

Thanks so much!!! That was just too cool!!

We REALLY appreciate your invit. to stay at your house, so nice of you to offer! My mom and the rest of my family is staying at Capt. Cook & B got a great discount, so we're good. We did last wk extra low budget!

Do you want anything for the fridge while you're here?

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----- Original Message -----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)  
Cc: 'fek9wnr@yahoo.com' <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Sun Oct 14 11:19:20 2007  
Subject: Right on!!!

We are so proud! Great job! Your boys are awesome!

I loved the article about your sons (though they should have added your precious daughter in there, too). Reading it gave me goosebumps.

Cool picture of Eddie, too.

Can't wait for next weekend's game. If people need a place to stay, despite the drive they'd need to make to watch the game in Anchorage, let folks know they can camp at our house and save some hotel \$\$\$.

Todd and I will be down Wed night it sounds like.

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 8:10 PM  
To: 'paymckhea@yahoo.com'; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Molly

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To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Mon Oct 15 20:09:05 2007  
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> Sent: Mon Oct 15 17:25:19 2007  
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> Conference Theme: Comprehensive School Improvement  
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 Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 11:07 AM  
 To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
 Subject: FW: AKSCA eCommunique October 2007

From: AKSCA eCommunique [mailto:gina.brown@alaska.gov]  
 Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 3:11 PM  
 To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)  
 Subject: AKSCA eCommunique October 2007

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Mission

The Alaska State Council on the Arts is a state agency that develops the arts for all Alaskans through education, grants and services.

**A Note From Charlotte**

This time of year is always a hectic one around the Arts Communique. This year's Communique is a bit abbreviated as a result. However, the number of important announcements, events and deadlines we want to make you all aware.

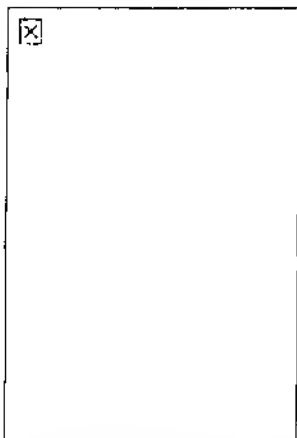
First, a brief report on a recent statewide meeting of local arts agencies that we held in Juneau last month. This was the first time that local arts agencies had a chance to network and learn from each other. Workshops leaders from the Americans for the Arts provided information and history for representatives of 14 local arts agencies. Representatives were there from communities such as Dillingham.

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Seldovia, Haines and Wrangell in addition to the five large arts councils in Fairbanks, Kodiak, Homer, Ketchikan and Juneau. The meeting was hosted by the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council, and was sponsored through a grant from the Rasmuson Foundation.

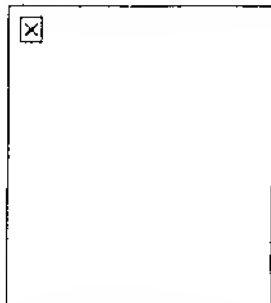
Next week, October 19, the Southeast Alaska Indian Culture Center in Sitka will be hosting a one day Native Artist summit in collaboration with ASCA. For more information, contact SEAICC at [seaicc@gci.net](mailto:seaicc@gci.net)



Three of the Awards Created By  
Carla Potter for the Governor's  
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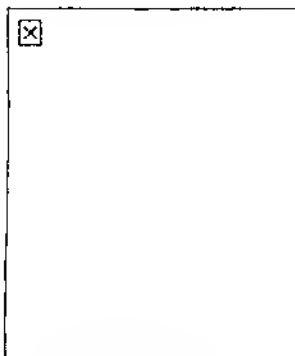
**IMPORTANT DEADLINES:** As we begin to gear up for fall around the state, I want to remind you all of ASCA deadlines. Information on all of these opportunities is at our website: [www.esd.state.ak.us/aksca](http://www.esd.state.ak.us/aksca). November 1 is the Artists in Schools deadline for Round II as well as for the Teaching Artist Roster. December 1 is the next quarterly deadline for all small grant categories, as well as the Alaskan/American Masterpieces grants for FY 09. See related story on this below.

I also must make sure to recognize Glacier Valley Elementary School in Juneau. They recently were one of five schools nationally who received the prestigious Creative Ticket National School of Distinction from the Kennedy Center. The Kennedy Center had the following to say about this innovative arts education program. For a complete tour of this program, click on the link below and then click on Art Is Elementary. There you'll find streamed videos, art gallery, etc. <http://www.jsd.k12.ak.us/gv/>



Governor's Awards For The Arts  
Recipient: Dana Stabenow

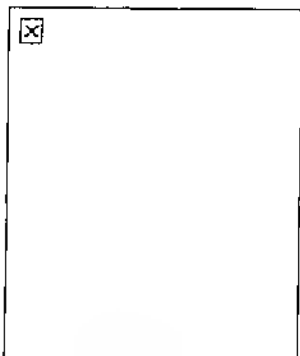
**Glacier Valley Elementary School, Grades K-6, Juneau, AK**  
The Glacier Valley Elementary School staff and parents firmly believe in the power of the arts, and that all students should have access to quality arts experiences, regardless of their financial means. Glacier Valley is a Title I school in Juneau, Alaska.



Governor's Awards For The Arts  
Recipient: Katherine Wade

To meet a variety of student learning needs and styles, the school has adopted an approach that integrates the arts into everyday classroom learning as a way to encourage, motivate and extend learning into other subject areas. With the help of community members and school fundraisers, the Glacier Valley Parent Group and the schools' dedicated team of teachers have been instrumental in securing weekly arts-integrated and art specific experiences through the Art Is Elementary program. Modeled after sports team funding, each classroom is sponsored by local organizations and businesses, which also helps build relationships between students and community.

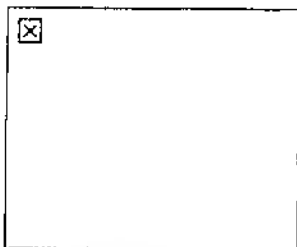
This program addresses a variety of art forms, and acts as professional



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Recipient: Jo Scott

development for teachers who are with the class when receiving art instruction. In just one year, Glacier Valley's community partnerships have doubled from 24 to 50, helping to build a bridge between school and local community businesses. Though the program has existed for only two years, they have seen improvement in student attendance, test scores and lower incidences of behavior problems.

Also be sure to read the rest of this Communique- there are stories about your fellow Alaskans who are being recognized through the Connie Boochever Fellowship or the Governor's Awards for the Arts for all their contributions to Alaska's creative community.



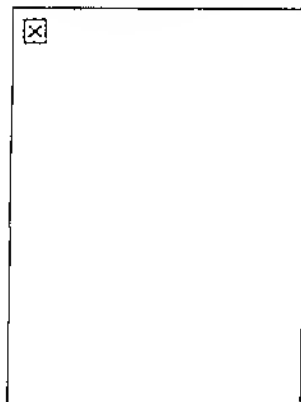
Connie Boochever Fellow:  
Annie Duffy

I apologize in advance if I have left out news that should be in here. You can expect a more comprehensive newsletter in December.

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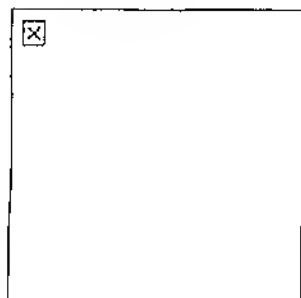
## 2007 Governor's Awards For The Arts And Humanities

The Alaska State Council on the Arts and The Alaska Humanities Forum are proud to announce the following recipients of the Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities. The awards will be presented at a dinner on Friday, October 26, 6 pm at the Fairbanks Princess Lodge. The awards event will be hosted by the Fairbanks Arts Association.



Connie Boochever Fellow:  
Asia Freeman

Also available at the dinner, as part of ASCAA's ongoing efforts to provide opportunities for Alaskan artists, will be the sale of original centerpieces. All proceeds of centerpieces go back to the artists - this is not a fundraiser for ASCA. Participating artists are: Jamie Autry, James Brashear, Peter Brondz, Bill Brody, Sean Denning Barnes, Rachelle Dowdy, Susan Farnham, Asia Freeman, Sandy Gillespie, Holly Gittlein, Steve Godfrey, Chris Hanson, John Jay Hoover, Martina John, Gary Kaulitz, Les Matz, Da-ka-zeen Mehner, Art Oomittuk, Sheryl Marie Reilly, Evie Witten and Nelda Warkentin.



Connie Boochever Fellow:  
Elizabeth Eero Irving

## Recipients Of The Governor's Awards For The Arts

**Dana Stabenow, Homer**

**Individual Artist Award**

Dana Stabenow was born in Anchorage and raised on a 75-foot fish tender in the Gulf of Alaska. In 1982 she received an MFA from the University of Alaska Anchorage and began her illustrious writing career. Dana's first science fiction novel, *Second Star* was published in 1991, and her first crime fiction novel, *A Cold Day for Murder* won an Edgar



Connie Boochever Fellow:  
Buzz Schwall



award in 1993. Her first thriller, *Blindfold Game* (2006) hit the NYT bestseller list, and her twenty-fourth novel, *Prepared for Rage*, comes out in February 2008.

#### **Katherine Wade, Chickaloon**

##### **Margaret Nick Cooke Award**

The Margaret Nick Cooke Award was started in 1998 by her family after Margaret died of cancer. The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals and organizations whose work furthers traditional Alaska Native language and culture. Katherine Wade is an honored Elder of the traditional village of Chickaloon. She serves as the Chickaloon Traditional Council Advisor and official Clan Grandmother. Katherine is an Ahtna storyteller and a respected Ahtna Athabascan teacher who visualized the preservation of culture and was instrumental in the creation of the Ya Ne Dah Ah School for the children of Chickaloon.

#### **Jo Ryman Scott, Fairbanks**

##### **The Distinguished Advocacy Award**

A South Dakota farm girl, Scott began teaching right out of high school 50+ years ago in a one room school house with all eight grades. She had her eye on teaching overseas but in those days, you had to be 25 to teach in the Army Schools in Europe. She decided to come to Alaska, and chose Fairbanks, teaching general music at Denali School. In 1985 she co-founded the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival, which has grown from 100 to over 1,000 participants annually in its 27 years. It is now a two week festival which attracts leading artists from across Alaska and the US to perform and exhibit. Jo Ryman Scott is the driving force behind this incredible event, and houses the offices for the festival in her home.

#### **Holland America Line, statewide**

##### **Business Leadership in the Arts**

Holland America has been a supporter of arts and culture during the last 10 years, having provided support for organizations as diverse as the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage, the new Morris Thompson Cultural Center in Fairbanks, the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council and Juneau Jazz and Classics.

#### **Recipients Of The Governor's Awards For The Humanities**

##### **Victor Fischer, Anchorage**

##### **Distinguished Service to the Humanities**

##### **Marsha Hotch, Haines**

### **Distinguished Service to the Humanities**

**Dagmar Phillips, Anchorage**

**Alaska History and Cultural Studies Teacher of the Year**

The award presented to the Arts awardees were created this year by Homer artist Carla Potter. The Humanities Awards were designed by Tamara Johannes, Anchorage.

For more information about the award recipients or the awards dinner, contact the Alaska State Council on the Arts at 907.269.6610 or 1.888.278.7424.

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### **Connie Boochever Fellows Announced**

The Alaska State Council on the Arts and the Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation recently chose four individuals to receive this year's Connie Boochever Fellowships in the visual arts. The \$2,500 fellowship is for emerging artists, and each year the disciplines alternate between performing, literary and visual arts.

**Annie Duffy, Fairbanks.** Annie Duffy is a sculptor, who received her MFA in 1999 from the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y. She works a great deal with cast paper, wood and acrylic, and says that the "process of how I make my pieces and what they mean to me are as important as the objects themselves." Ms. Duffy plans to use this fellowship towards her new project, creating a specific body of work relating to both biochemistry and sense of place.

**Asia Freeman, Homer.** Asia is best known as the director of the Bunnell Gallery, but she is also a photographer, having received her MFA in sculpture and photography from Union Institute and University. She is creating a new body of work that she describes as "creating an installation involving my photographs, electricity, glass and plastic. I am interested in exploring the question of what is nature at this time in our cultural evolution." Ms. Freeman will use the fellowship to assist her in completing this project.

**Elizabeth Eero Irving, Fairbanks.** Elizabeth is a painter and is working toward increasing the visibility of her work through group shows and juried exhibits. She received her BFA from Cornish College in 1996, and has recently been accepted into her first solo shows during the upcoming year. Ms. Irving will use the fellowship funds to prepare for the

shows, as well as take "a small but significant amount of time off of wage earning work".

**Buzz Schwall, Anchorage.** Buzz Schwall is a marionette builder and theater artist, creating and carving all the characters for his productions. He did not discover this art form until he was 50 years old, when he traveled to Prague to participate in a marionette building workshop. He has been working as a marionette artist ever since, and will use the Connie Boochever Fellowship to launch a new project which will involve, among other characters, creating and building insect marionettes. Mr. Schwall also stated in his application that this award is important "because there is a certain amount of confidence that comes with being awarded a grant from peers".

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### **FY 08 American/Alaskan Masterpieces Grants Now Available**

**DEADLINE FOR ROUND 1 of FY 09 (July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009): December 1, 2007.**

The Alaska State Council on the Arts is soliciting letters of intent from organizations interested in applying for funds through the American/Alaskan Masterpieces Grant program. This is an ASCA program, and separate from the NEA direct American Masterpieces grants to organizations.

#### **Theme of Alaskan/American Masterpieces Grant Program:**

Grants will be awarded to organizations that present or produce events, residencies or exhibits that honor the theme of American or Alaskan masterworks or master artists.

Some example projects:

- A tour of American jazz masterworks;
- A production by a legendary Alaskan composer, choreographer or playwright;
- An exhibit demonstrating the cultural tradition of Alaska Native basketry;
- An arts education awareness program featuring Alaskan artists;
- An exhibit of a well known American or Alaskan contemporary artist;
- A month long residency in a community with a recognized master artist;

For more information, visit the [ASCA website](#).

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### **Arts In Education News**

**Poetry Out Loud**

**Deadline for teachers to sign up for this year's high school Poetry Out Loud competition is November 9, 2007!** Contact Susan Olson, Arts Education Director for the Alaska State Council on the Arts at (907) 269-6682 or toll-free in Alaska at 1-888-278-7424 or visit [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org) for more information.

The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation present Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest, in partnership with the Alaska State Council on the Arts. Poetry Out Loud is a program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance and competition. From September, 2007 through February, 2008, schools are invited to participate in classroom and school wide contests, advancing to a state competition in March, 2008. State champions will advance to the National Finals, to take place on April 27-29, 2008 in Washington, DC.

Poetry Out Loud seeks to foster the next generation of literary readers by capitalizing on the latest trends in poetry -- recitation and performance. The program builds on the resurgence of poetry as an oral art form, as seen in the slam poetry movement and the immense popularity of rap music among youth. Poetry Out Loud invites the dynamic aspects of slam poetry, spoken word and theater into the English class. Through Poetry Out Loud, students can master public speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about their literary heritage.

#### **ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS -- ROUND II GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 1**

Grant applications are available for the Alaska State Council on the Arts' Artists In Schools Program (AIS). AIS will be funding a second round of applications for school residencies in the upcoming school year (2007-2008). Matching fees paid by schools remain reduced, and, at the same time, the Artists in Schools Program has increased the fee amount paid to individual artists. The AIS program is made possible through partnership between the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional support through the Rasmuson Foundation.

**The Artists in Schools Program makes opportunities possible for students and teachers to work with professional artists through a full-time residency in their school for a minimum of two weeks. Any school in Alaska is eligible to apply.**

Need more information?

♦ Applications and guidelines for Artists in Schools are available online only at: <http://alaska.cqweb.org>

- **Deadline for applications: November 1, 2007.** Late applications will not be forwarded to the Council or considered for funding.
- **For more Information about the State Arts Council's Artists in Schools Program,** call Program Director Susan Olson at (907) 269-6682, email [Susan.Olson1@alaska.gov](mailto:Susan.Olson1@alaska.gov), or call toll free: 1-888-278-7424.

**The arts are vital to a complete education. The arts celebrate multiple perspectives; the arts teach children that problems can have more than one solution; the arts stimulate language, both spoken and written and develop critical skills.**

#### **TEACHING ARTIST ROSTER DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1**

The Artists in Schools Program (AIS) is looking for professional teaching artists in Visual, Literary, Traditional Native and Performing art forms with a strong desire to share their skills with Alaskan students and teachers through school residencies. If this sounds like you, please call (907) 269-6682 or email [Susan.Olson1@alaska.gov](mailto:Susan.Olson1@alaska.gov) to see how you can be a part of the State Arts Council's Artists in Schools residency program.

Application forms are also available online at: [www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca](http://www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca) under Arts Education.

This year applications will be accepted from visual, literary and performance artists. Visual and literary arts include painting, sculpture, printmaking, media arts, poetry, playwriting, fiction and non-fiction writers, as well as Alaska Native arts such as bead working, basketry, quilting and kayak and sled building. Performance arts include actors, puppeteers, singers, dancers, mimes, circus artists, as well as Alaska Native drummers, dancers and storytellers.

**Applications are due by November 1, 2007.**

The **Artists in Schools Program** provides an opportunity for artists to work in a variety of art forms. Through AIS, artists are able to share their skills with students via a residency in a variety of situations ranging from large urban schools to very small bush schools from two to sixteen weeks. Artists also provide teacher training and demonstrate their professional skills to community members. Artists are paid a fee, given a supplies budget and travel expenses. Food and housing are also provided. All funding support is through the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency and sponsoring schools, with additional support from the Rasmuson Foundation.

For more information about the State Arts Council's Artists in Schools Program or for an application, call (907) 269-6682 or email



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### **Arts Educator Award Grant Applications Available**

The Alaska State Council on the Arts, in partnership with the Rasmuson Foundation and the Alaska Arts & Culture Foundation, is pleased to announce the availability of applications for the Arts Educator Grant. There are two deadlines for this grant: December 1, 2007 and March 1, 2008. This is a postmark deadline.

This grant is designed to encourage the reconnection of art teachers to the practice of their art. Four awards, each up to \$3,000, are available for K-12 arts educators whose primary responsibility is arts instruction, teaching a minimum of three years and permanently assigned full or part time in an Alaskan school.

Applications and guidelines are available at:

[www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca](http://www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca) under Arts Education. For more information about this grant, please contact the Alaska State Council on the Arts' Arts Education office at (907) 269-6682, or toll-free in Alaska at 1-888-278-7424.

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### **The Alaska Contemporary Art Bank**

#### **Check out the Art Bank on the Web**

The ASCA web site has a link to the Contemporary Art Bank, where you can view a good selection of art available through the program. In an effort to make the Art Bank more accessible to all our borrowers, the images will be updated regularly so that generally the work posted is work that is available for loan. The selections posted are representative of the collection as whole, with a variety of images, mediums and sizes. So even if you don't initially see something you like, check back as we hope to update the images monthly.

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The web site also has information on who is eligible for the program and how to contact the Art Bank.

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### Mission

The Alaska State Council on the Arts exists to enhance cultural development in the state by ensuring that art of the highest quality is accessible to all Alaskans.

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41<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Principals Conference, October 14-16

Sponsored by the Alaska Associations of Elementary and Secondary Principals

Conference Theme: Comprehensive School Improvement (CSI): Alaska

10 a.m. Sheraton Hotel

It is an honor to welcome all of you – our elementary and secondary principals. It is exciting to see so many of Alaska's educational leaders together learning new strategies to improve our schools.

Your leadership is making a real difference in Alaska's schools.

There is no question, we are all faced with significant challenges when it comes to improving our schools. Some of the concerns I hear all across our state are (1) the impact of skyrocketing retirement costs, (2) the high cost of energy and (3) the inability of our districts to effectively plan with unpredictable levels of state support.

I am working hard to address these issues. Last year, I called on the Legislature to pass an early education funding bill. Although we were not successful, we were able to make education a priority by placing \$1 Billion into the Education Fund.

The Legislative Education Funding Task Force has met and generated 18 recommendations. In order to give our districts the ability to better plan and budget for their programs, I again commit to working with the Legislature to adopt changes to our statutory foundation program early next session.

Some of the changes in the report that I am particularly interested are:

1. Updating our district cost factors to recognize the higher costs of providing education in many areas of our state
2. Increasing funding for students with intensive needs, so that our students who experience medical or other special circumstances can become successful in school and in life, and

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### 3. Increasing the Base Student Allocation in future years.

Last year, the State contributed a significant amount to help local school districts and municipalities with increasing retirement costs. Although we're still working on our state budget for the next fiscal year, it will reflect my continuing support to fund the TRS and PERS shortfalls, so that school districts can focus on the educational needs of students.

We have implemented, and continue to add, many initiatives that will help disengaged students become active participants in their education. It's vital that our students are able to take their place in our economy and share in Alaska's future. Our children are our greatest resource.

In the near future, 3 out of 4 jobs in America will require some training after high school. Increasingly, the skills required for entry-level jobs are similar to the skills needed to enter college.

Our goal is that more students will graduate from high school and will do so prepared to transition to many different opportunities in the workforce or postsecondary education.

We are beginning a program, called Work Ready/College Ready, to help prepare students for college or the workplace. It offers students and adult job-seekers the opportunity to assess and improve their skills in three areas that are important to the workplace and post-secondary education: reading for information, applied math, and locating information in graphic formats.

The online program is free to users, self-paced, and targeted to participants' needs. The curriculum and assessments are delivered in the context of work situations in fields in which students are interested.

Students will be able to document their skills in a nationally recognized Career Readiness Certificate.

While these initiatives are important, there many more challenges facing us all if we are going to be successful at addressing issues such as our graduation rates.

I will look to you to help provide solutions that can make a difference. I stand ready to work with all of you – and I welcome your new ideas.

Thank you all for the leadership you provide on the front lines of Alaska education.

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## ED REVIEW

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...a bi-weekly update on U.S. Department of Education activities relevant to the  
Intergovernmental and Corporate community and other stakeholders

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

*ED Review* has been on brief hiatus. However, it was a busy last month in the field of education, and I hope you have been able to track key developments via the ED.gov web site. If not -- or, to ensure you did not miss anything of significance -- please accept this "catch-up" issue of the newsletter. It is longer than most issues, with multiple links for additional information. Hereafter, *ED Review* will return to its standard format and schedule.

While away, my wife and I welcomed our first-born son into the world! Baby, mom, and dad are doing well.

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### NCLB UPDATE

September 19-21, Secretary Spellings participated in a Back to School bus tour across Ohio and Indiana. On Day 1, in Cleveland, the Secretary announced the "Empowering Parents School Box" (<http://www.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/schoolbox/>), a resource to help families better prepare their students for academic success, as well as explored the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (where she learned about science by singing a Stevie Wonder song) and hosted a live National Parent Town Hall. "*No Child Left Behind* puts a necessary focus on reading and math -- the gateway skills to all other learning," she said at the town hall meeting. "It also arms parents with the information they need to be smart consumers and strong advocates for their children. I have yet to meet a parent who volunteered his or her child to be the one who was left behind." On Day 2, the Secretary visited Wright-Patterson Air Force Base outside of Dayton (her assigned codename: Starbuck) and Withrow High School in Cincinnati, where she revealed new features of the Department's FAFSA4caster (<http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov/>), an online tool which offers

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students an early estimate of eligibility for federal aid. On Day 3, in Indianapolis, the Secretary unveiled two new guides in the "Innovations in Education" series -- "K-8 Charter Schools: Closing the Achievement Gap" (<http://www.ed.gov/admins/comm/choice/charterk-8/>) and "Supporting Charter School Excellence Through Quality Authorizing" (<http://www.ed.gov/nclb/choice/charter/authorizing/>) -- and toured the city's Children's Museum (her own words: "No dinos left behind!"). FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/news/photos/2007/bus-tour.html>.

On October 2, Secretary Spellings named 287 schools as 2007 *No Child Left Behind* Blue Ribbon Schools. The Blue Ribbon program recognizes high performing schools (schools whose students, regardless of background, perform in the top 10% on their state assessments [public] or nationally normed assessments [private]) and dramatically improving schools (schools whose students, at least 40% of whom are from disadvantaged backgrounds, dramatically improved on tests to score in at least the top 40% statewide). Chief State School Officers nominate public schools. The Council for American Private Education nominates private schools. Of the schools nominated by each state, at least one-third must have more than 40% of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds, and all recipients must meet *No Child Left Behind* Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) requirements, as defined by their states. The schools will be honored at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., November 12-13. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/awards.html>.

Also, congratulations to the New York City Department of Education, winner of the 2007 Broad Prize for Urban Education. The nation's largest school system bested four finalists: Bridgeport (CT), Long Beach, Miami-Dade County, and Northside (TX). New York will receive \$500,000 in college scholarships. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.broadprize.org/>.

Other *No Child Left Behind*-related resources:

- NCLB Success Stories from Education News Parents Can Use (<http://www.ed.gov/nclb/overview/intro/reauth/successstories/>)
- "Status and Trends in the Education of Racial and Ethnic Minorities" (<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2007039>)
- "Encouraging Girls in Math and Science" (<http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/pdf/20072003.pdf>)
- "Organizing Instruction and Study to Improve Student Learning" (<http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/pdf/20072004.pdf>)
- "Giving Parents Options: Strategies for Informing Parents and Implementing School Choice and Supplemental Educational Services under *No Child Left Behind*" (<http://www.ed.gov/admins/comm/choice/options/report.html>)

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## NCLB UPDATE (cont.)

This week, President Bush and Secretary Spellings continued to promote reauthorization of the *No Child Left Behind Act* at local events. On October 9, the President and Secretary met with civil rights leaders and other advocates for disadvantaged children at the White House. "We just had a meaningful discussion about our joint commitment to closing an achievement gap that exists in America," the President said. "As we move forward, we will continue to welcome new ideas. And, I appreciate the ideas I heard today. Yet, there can be no compromise on the basic principle: every child must learn to read and do math at, or above, grade level. And there can be no compromise on the need to hold schools accountable to make sure we achieve that goal" (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/10/20071009-5.html>). On October 10, Secretary Spellings joined U.S. Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman at the new T. C. Williams High School in suburban Virginia. "At a time when less than half of high school graduates are prepared for college-level math and



science, it's time to increase expectations and improve the way these subjects are taught in our classrooms," Secretary Spellings explained. "Solid math and science skills are becoming increasingly essential in the new knowledge, so it's time to ramp up the rigor and challenge our students to succeed" (<http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2007/10/10102007.html>).

Note: The EnergySmart Schools web site (<http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/energysmartschools/>) includes more than 350 lesson plans and activities on energy efficiency and renewable energy.

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## NAEP 2007

On September 25, the non-partisan National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) released national and state-by-state results of the 2007 Nation's Report Card in reading and math, highlighting fourth- and eighth-grade achievement on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Some findings:

### *Math --*

- Fourth- and eighth-graders scored higher than in all previous assessment years, and the proportion of students performing at or above the "Basic" and "Proficient" achievement levels has increased significantly over the last 17 years.
- At both grades, white, black, and Hispanic students demonstrated a better understanding compared to all previous assessment years. And, the white-black achievement gap narrowed at grade 4 when compared to 1990 and at grade 8 when compared to 2005.
- Fourteen states and the District of Columbia improved their scores at both the fourth- and eighth-grade levels from 2005 to 2007, while no state showed a decline in achievement.

### *Reading --*

- Fourth-graders scored higher than in all previous assessment years. Eighth-graders scored higher than in 1992 and 2005.
- At both grades, white, black, and Hispanic students demonstrated a better understanding compared to 1992. But, just the white-black achievement gap at grade 4 had narrowed compared to 1992 and 2005.
- Three states and the District improved their scores at both the fourth- and eighth-grade levels from 2005 to 2007, while no states showed a decline in fourth-grade achievement and only two states showed a decline in eighth-grade achievement.

"Student achievement is on the rise," said the Secretary upon the release. "*No Child Left Behind* is working. It's doable, reasonable, and necessary. Any efforts to weaken accountability would fly in the face of rising achievement." FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://nationsreportcard.gov/>. (Several fact sheets may be found at <http://www.ed.gov/nclb/accountability/achieve/report-card2007.html>, and state-by-states profiles are posted at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/states/>.)

Note: The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) "Education at a Glance" (<http://www.oecd.org/edu/eag2007/>) provides a comparable, up-to-date array of indicators on education among OECD's 30 member nations and partners. The main areas covered are participation and achievement, public and private spending, conditions for students and teachers, and the state of lifelong learning.

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## IDEA REPORT

The Department's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) has submitted to Congress its 27th annual report on the implementation of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA). The report consists of two volumes. The first section of Volume I focuses on the children and students being served under IDEA, including trends in numbers and percentages of infants, toddlers, preschool, and school-age children served; declassification of elementary school-age students; and characteristics of secondary students served for emotional disturbance. The second section has state-level data profiles, and the third section consists of selected rank-ordered state data tables. Volume II contains extensive appendix tables of state-reported data required under IDEA, including the number of infants and toddlers receiving early intervention services disaggregated by race/ethnicity; the number of children receiving special education services disaggregated by disability category and race/ethnicity; and graduation and dropout data. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/about/reports/annual/osep/2005/parts-b-c/>.

Note: OSERS's updated "Disability Employment 101" booklet (<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/products/employmentguide/>) presents information on finding qualified workers with disabilities, putting disability and employment research into practice, and modeling what other businesses have done to successfully integrate those with disabilities into the workforce.

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## TRANSFORMING HIGHER EDUCATION

In early September, the Secretary announced that the national student loan default rate fell from FY 2004's 5.1% to 4.6% -- just off the record-low rate of 4.5% (FY 2003) and 79% less than the all-time high of 22.4% (FY 1990). Moreover, all of the nation's colleges and universities have default rates low enough to remain eligible for federal financial aid programs. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/defaultmanagement/cdr.html>.

On September 27, President Bush signed into law the *College Cost Reduction and Access Act* (H.R. 2669), authorizing the largest increase in student financial aid since the GI Bill. The legislation increases funding for the federal Pell Grant program -- which, unlike loans, do not have to be repaid -- by \$11.4 billion over the next five years, gradually raising the maximum annual award from \$4,310 in 2007 to \$5,400 in 2012. "One of the best ways to make higher education affordable is through Pell Grants," the President stated. "Pell Grants send an important message to students in need: if you work hard, and you stay in school, and you make the right choices, the federal government is going to stand with you." Today, five million lower-income students receive Pell Grants annually. In addition, the legislation makes it easier to repay loans by:

- Cutting interest rates on new, subsidized Stafford loans to undergraduate students. (From the current 6.8%, the rate would be reduced to 6.0% in July 2008, 5.6% in July 2009, 4.5% in July 2010, and 3.4% in July 2011. In July 2012, the rate would revert back to 6.8%.)
- Capping both subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loan repayments to no more than 15% of discretionary income. After 25 years, any remaining balances would be cancelled.
- Forgiving the loans of borrowers working public sector jobs (such as emergency management, government, law enforcement, public education, public health) after 10 years of service and repayments.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/09/20070927-1.html>. (President Bush's remarks are

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available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/09/20070927-3.html>. Secretary Spellings' statement is posted at <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2007/09/09272007a.html>.)

Also, Undersecretary of Education Sara Martinez Tucker is conducting a national college listening tour, to hear directly from students about the challenges they face in gaining access to and succeeding in college. She will meet with students in California, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, New York, and Texas.

Other higher education-related resources:

- College Navigator (<http://collegenavigator.ed.gov/>), the successor to the College Opportunities Online (COOL) web site designed to help students, parents, and high school counselors get information about 7,000 institutions of higher education in the U.S.
- "Only a Dream" public service campaign (<http://federalstudentaid.ed.gov/onlyadream.html>)
- "Postsecondary Institutions in the U.S.: Fall 2006 and Degrees and Other Awards Conferred in 2005-06" (<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2007166>)

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## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

The next "Education News Parents Can Use" broadcast (October 16, 8:00-9:00 ET) will discuss "what works" in violence reduction and the growing body of evidence about the links between violence, bullying, mental health, and academic achievement. The Virginia Tech University tragedy, like the shootings at American middle and high schools, shocked the country and caused parents and educators to wonder how school campuses -- traditionally, safe havens for learning -- could become so violent. Actually, despite these highly visible events, the vast majority of the nation's students are safe at school. Statistics indicate that homicides of school-age children were about 50 times more likely to occur away from school than at school, and, every year over the last decade, serious violent victimization rates were lower at school. Still, as long as any student is threatened, there is work to be done. The broadcast will spotlight a variety of resources to assist educators -- and help the parents they serve -- in developing and improving plans to mitigate violent behavior, identifying behaviors that lead to violence in youth, and ensuring the safety and prosperity of America's children. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/news/av/video/edtv/>. (You can watch live and archived webcasts at <http://www.connectlive.com/events/ednews/>.)

Regarding Virginia Tech, the Department's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS) recently awarded the institution a \$960,685 grant to assist with recovery efforts and begin to develop a model for assessing and responding to at-risk behaviors in a higher education setting. After the April 16 shootings, Virginia Tech submitted an unsolicited proposal to OSDFS for national program/federal activities funds. These discretionary funds support leadership projects designed to prevent violence and drug abuse among all education levels. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2007/09/09212007a.html>.

Also, as a participating member of the President's Interagency Task Force to combat human trafficking, OSDFS has developed a fact sheet for schools related to the trafficking of children. Contrary to popular assumption, cases of human trafficking have been reported in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and some U.S. territories. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/factsheet.html>.

Other safety-related resources:

- Emergency Response and Crisis Management Technical Assistance Center (<http://ercm.ed.gov/>), with "Helpful Hints" on improving emergency management practices within school communities
- "Crime, Violence, Discipline, and Safety in U.S. Public Schools: 2005-06" (<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2007361>)
- "Public School Practices for Violence Prevention and Reduction: 2003-04" (<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2007010>)

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## GRANT AWARDS

Below is a short list of new grant awards, particularly in the area of assessment development:

- Almost \$7.5 million to six states to explore ways to implement better assessments of student progress, beyond the testing procedures required under *No Child Left Behind* (<http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2007/09/09252007b.html>)
- More than \$14 million to 27 states to help them meet requirements for students with disabilities under *No Child Left Behind* and IDEA (<http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2007/10/10092007.html>)
- \$2.45 million to the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU), and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) to provide reliable and valid measures for assessing student learning at the higher education level (<http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2007/09/09282007.html>)
- More than \$3.5 million to 22 grantees to plan, design, and open new charter schools (<http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2007/09/09262007.html>)
- \$100 million to 41 school districts in 17 states to establish new magnet schools or expand existing magnet programs (<http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2007/09/09272007.html>)

Note: In a September 27 letter to Chief State School Officers (listed at <http://www.ed.gov/policy/fund/guid/gposbul/lateliquidationmemos.html>), the Department's Chief Financial Officer issued new guidance for the "late liquidation" of federal education funds.

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## ADULT EDUCATION

On September 27, President Bush signed an Executive Order to strengthen adult education in the U.S. Secretary Spellings has been tasked with leading an Interagency Adult Education Working Group. By bringing together all relevant federal agencies, the group aims to strengthen existing programs and improve adult participation in postsecondary education. "College access is not just about access for high school students. It's about access for adult learners," the Secretary said. "When 90% of the fastest growing jobs in America require a postsecondary credential or training, we have a duty to educate those of all ages and backgrounds to meet the needs of our new knowledge-based economy." FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2007/09/09282007a.html>.

Note: To support states and colleges that are working to increase adults' access to an advanced credential, the Secretary also announced four grants totaling more than \$2.8 million from the Department's Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE). Ready for College grants will allow community college systems in four states to work with 25 local adult education programs to improve college readiness for out-of-school

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## QUOTES TO NOTE

"The Nation's Report Card shows we're making good progress.... And that means Congress needs to reauthorize and strengthen the *No Child Left Behind Act*.... Through this law our nation has made an historic commitment to America's children, and we have a moral obligation to keep that commitment. We must ensure that they have the skills they need to succeed in life -- and in a global economy that becomes even more important."

-- President George W. Bush (9/26/07), in New York City after the release of 2007 NAEP scores

"This morning, I had the honor of meeting the Team USA athletes, including golfer Jason Plante. In addition to competing here today, he is an honor roll student, and he also plays on his high school team, which is among the best in the state. In Jason's opinion, 'there is virtually no difference' between learning a sport and learning in school. He's absolutely right. Both take discipline, focus, practice, and high expectations. This summit [on the Well-Being of Students with Intellectual Disabilities] is a great opportunity for all of us to work together to help more students around the world succeed and thrive as Jason has."

-- Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings (10/3/07), in Shanghai, China, for the Special Olympics World Summer Games

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

The National Mathematics Advisory Panel's ninth meeting is October 23 and 24 in Phoenix. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/mathpanel/>.

On November 5 and 6, the White House and several Cabinet agencies (including Education) will host a conference in Indianapolis, to help social service organizations learn more about the President's Faith-Based and Community Initiative. This conference will share information about the federal grant process, as well as basic legal responsibilities that come with federal aid. Special emphasis will be placed on opportunities for partnership at the state and local level. The conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Please register online by October 29. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.fbc.gov/>.

Over the next two weeks, the Department will be exhibiting at the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities' annual conference in Chicago (October 20-22) and the National Future Farmers of America's national convention in Indianapolis (October 24-27). If you are attending either of these events, please stop by the Department's booth.

The Mind Trust, an Indianapolis-based organization that supports education entrepreneurship, is initiating a fellowship program, which will afford talented individuals with the opportunity to develop and launch initiatives to transform public education. An inaugural cohort of four entrepreneurs will begin their two-year fellowship next spring and receive salary, benefits, travel resources, and a customized package of support. Applications, with a statement of intent, are due by January 15, 2008. Fellowships will be awarded by May 1, 2008. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.themindtrust.org/>.

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